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**HANCOCK COUNTY
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES
September 9, 2017**

(Note: Due to the Secretary's absence that day, no minutes were taken. President Patti Leland provided the following notes that she jotted down.)

Wayne Smith read the minutes. Most recent newsletter is out. Wayne put his talk and the newsletter on the website. The check has been given to the Library. Wayne Smith is looking for old newsletters to put on the website. Emery DeBeck spoke on the Card family. Diane Collar, 1044 Macomber Mill Rd., Eastbrook, ME, 207-565-3646, will make available her nearly 1000 photos of Eastbrook-related people/places. You must provide her with a flash drive.

Respectfully submitted,
Patti Leland, President

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October 14, 2017**

The October 2017 meeting of the Hancock County Genealogical Society was

held on Saturday the 14th at the Ellsworth Public Library with President Patti Leland calling the meeting to order at 10am.

There were no minutes presented from the September meeting. The treasurer's report was sent to the President but not read. Charlene reported one new member and two renewals, all of which will go through December 2018 for bringing our total members to 52. Wayne said the newsletter would be going out this month.

Charlene reported that the digital microfilm reader is backordered at the manufacturers and should be shipped to the dealer by the end of October. She also told about a meeting with Adam Fisher from the State Library on the digitization of the *Ellsworth American*. Alan Baker, publisher of the *Ellsworth American* is on board and has original bound editions that he will allow to be used for the digitization. Adam is purchasing a new larger bed scanner in order to scan the entire page at one time. He says the cost of the actual digitization will be between \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00 but he is working on a way of lowering that cost.

Charlene also mentioned that new carpeting will be installed in the library in November. The library will be closed for a short period of time to facilitate the moving of materials and the removal and installation of the carpets. If you are planning on visiting the library, call ahead to make sure we are open.

The business meeting ended and Charlene Fox Clemons presented "Bobby's

Story: A Genealogical and DNA Mystery” about her three-year search for Bobby's birth family. After which Patsy Jordan talked about the DNA information she has uncovered in her own family research.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Fox Clemons
Secretary

Eastern Maine DIG (DNA Interest Group)

DNA testing and research has become more widely used by serious researchers and amateurs alike thanks to the proliferation of programs like “Long Lost Family” and “Who Do You Think You Are?” While it is easy to take the test, sometimes sorting out the results becomes overwhelming. Who knew you could have 26,000 cousins? Who knew you were related to a famous person? Who knew your family came from Arabia?

In addition to all those questions, there is the question of what test to take. Autosomal? MTDna? YDNA? What do each of those tests show you about you and your family? And which company to test with. Ancestry? FTDNA? 23&Me? My Heritage?

Questions like these and many others are the types of things we hope to discuss as we learn more about the DNA tests, processes, and results.

We hope you will join us beginning in January 2018, the Ellsworth Public

Library will sponsor the Eastern Maine DIG. Meetings will be held on the fourth Saturday of each month and are free and open to anyone interested in DNA testing and research. There are no dues or officers, just a group of like minded people sharing their DNA questions and experiences.

Please join us on Saturday, January 27th, 2018 from 10:00am until 12:00 noon, in the Riverview Room of the Ellsworth Public Library. Bring you successes, failures and questions to share with the group.

If you are on Facebook, join the MaineDIG Facebook Group for all the latest information on meetings and new developments.

For more information call Charlene Fox Clemons at the library 667-6363 or email cclemons@ellsworthlibrary.net.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

November 4: Max Brenninkmeyer will talk about Moses Hammond. (Note the change in meeting date to the first Saturday in November. This is due to Veteran's Day falling on Saturday the 11th.)

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.

January 14: Alice Long will be doing a program for HCGS on using DNA in her genealogy research.



DNA Works. Third cousins and HCGS members, Diane Nibeck-Smith and Marcus Clemons met for the first time at the August HCGS meeting. Their DNA connection on Ancestry proved Marcus's great grandfather, William Clark to be the son of Levi Clark of Franklin. We had never had proof before, but thanks to DNA testing we now know the real story." – Charlene Fox Clemons

Still Missing *Hancock Historians*!

Alas, although we've tried to collect every issue of the *Hancock Historian*, we've found that quite a few of them are still missing from the vertical file at the Ellsworth Public Library. Our goal is not only to fill up that file, but eventually to make them all available on our Society's website: www.hancockgenealogy.me. If you happen to have any of the following editions sitting in a pile somewhere, or floating around in your electronic mailboxes, please consider sending us a copy so that we can have a more complete record of our past issues. Thanks to Emery DeBeck for providing copies of the four starred (**) issues below!

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Update on the Indexing of *Ellsworth American* Death Notices

HCGS Newsletter Editor and Board Member Wayne Smith has spent much of the past year indexing death notices from the pages of the *Ellsworth American*, ranging from January 1, 1899 to Dec. 31, 1931. The data have been entered and are currently being double-checked by HCGS member Ralph Harris. It is hoped that, before too many more months have passed, a hard copy of the index will be ready to use at the Library. It is anticipated that the index will also be available at other venues and in other formats.

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